MADAM SPEAKER.—That Question No 864 is held over. as the Hon'ble Minister is not in the station.

Construction f Bus Depot at Kusthagl

889 SRI KANTHA RAO BHIM RAO DESAI (Kushtagi).—Will the Minister for Transport and Tourism be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether Government is aware that a Bus Depot has been sanctioned for Kushtagi, District Raichur;

(*b*) whether land has been acquired for it; if so, why no action to construct a bus depot has been taken?

SRI MD. ALI MEHTAB ALI (Minister for Transport and Tourism).—

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Land has been acquired. Construction of a Bus Depot will be taken up at the time of implementation of Scheme of Nationalisation of Passenger Transport in Koppal Pocket (Raichur District).

SRI KANTHA RAO BHIM RAO DESAI.—The answer that has been furnished to my question is very vague. Will you please state the time required to take up the construction work of this Depot?

†SRI M. MOHAMMED ALI.—The construction of a Depot is subject to the nationalisation of Koppal pocket scheme. The moment the scheme is nationlised, the Transport Corporation will add on another 150 buses to the Raichur Division; that will necessitate a depot at Kushtagi. Therefore the sanction is subject to the question of nationalisation of Koppal pocket.

SRI V N. PATIL.—Will the Government assure us that nationalisation of Raichur District will be taken up immediately and the construction will be taken up?

SRI M. MOHAMMED ALI.—The scheme has been published, and it has got to run through the judicial and the legal procedure. I hope a decision will be forthcoming soon.

SRI PAPU RAO PATIL.—When the land was acquired, it was acquired for the specific purpose of having a depot. when you do not require a land where was the need to acquire this land?

SRI M. MOHAMMED ALI.—The land was acquired in anticipation of nationalisation. We cannot all of a sudden acquire the land. Therefore the land was acquired in anticipation of nationalisation.

SRI MADAM SPEAKER.—Now Question are over.

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† Indicates that the remarks or speeches have not been revised by The member concerned.